

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 679 – HB 810

April 11, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Adds a new residential and work restriction to sexual offenders. Sexual offenders cannot be “alone with” a minor. Defines “alone with.”

Requires sexual offenders to give the TBI usernames and passwords to any social media accounts including email and instant message services. Defines “social media” for purposes of the sex offender registry.

Authorizes the registering agencies, supervising agents, and designated law enforcement agencies to send information to the TBI by electronic means.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006088): Makes a technical change and includes “be alone with” in Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-39-211 (c) to be consistent with the other provisions of the bill regarding sex offender residential restrictions.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, which administers the sex offender registry program, reports that the bill will not significantly impact its operations.
- Violations of the residential and work restrictions statute are Class E felonies. However, statistics from the Department of Correction show the 10-year average for admissions under Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-39-211 is 2.6 admissions per year.
- With all the current residential and work restrictions placed on sexual offenders, it is assumed that the ones added by the bill will not significantly impact state incarceration costs.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirms that the bill will not significantly impact the courts’ caseload.

CERTIFICATION:

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The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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